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Larry Lajoie Says Griffmen Will Win Pennant This Year

SAYS GRIFFMEN ARE
LIKELY TO WIN OUT

Larry Lajoie, Naplanders' Veteran, Believes Pennant of 1914 Will Come Here.

CAN'T SEE THE JUNGLEERS

Thinks Connie Mack's Twirlers Are Too Weak to Swing Mackmen Into Title.

PROBABLE LINE-UP

BROWNIES. Shotton, cf. Austin, 3b. Pratt, 2b. G. Williams, rf. C. Walker, lf. Leary, 1b. Wares, ss. Agnew, c. Cressa, c. Mitchell, p. Hamilton, p. Taylor, p. Game at 3:30 p. m.

GRIFFMEN. Moeller, rf. Foster, 3b. McLean, cf. Gandil, 1b. Shanks, lf. Morgan, 2b. McBride, ss. Henry, c. Ayers, p. A. Williams, c. Engel, p. Bentley, p.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

If the prediction of Larry Lajoie comes through, flags will fly on the Georgia avenue plains next fall with the Nationals battling against the best team in the National League for the most coveted honors in the baseball universe. Lajoie, who has been through a score of campaigns, has opposed Detroit, Philadelphia, and Washington, and in New York has given out an interview declaring his confidence in the Griffmen.

"I can't see the Athletics' pitchers. The club can hit but is miserably weak in the box," commented the Cleveland veteran.

"I don't think Detroit will last, while I believe that Johnson, Boelling, and Wares, together with some of the others, will carry Washington through. If it should come to a show down in the last couple of weeks, Wares can be worked out of turn and should turn the trick."

All of which should have no little weight, coming from one who is a capable judge and conservative in his statements.

There is only a remote chance that Cobb will play against the Nationals next week. The demon slugger was hit by a pitched ball by Foster at Boston, and is now nursing a badly splintered leg, which the physicians think will keep him out of the line-up during the remainder of the stay of the Tigers in the East.

If Jennings slings his pitchers at the Park in the fight he is making to shove Athletics back, and Cobb is out of the game, those Nationals should be able to trample the Jungaleers in the coming set.

Whatever aspirations the Nationals have of heading the league tomorrow morning were sent glimmering when Cobb stopped Philadelphia at Shibe park yesterday. It is now a mathematical impossibility for the Griffmen to lead the league at the end of the week, though there is no end of consolation that yesterday developed a broadening of the breach that separates the Nationals and the Athletics in the battle for second place. As it is now, Washington is the runner-up with a margin of a game and a half on the universal title holders.

It will probably be Jim Shaw on the mound tomorrow for the Nationals.

Hoping possibly that famous tenning nightmar with the Athletics two weeks ago today, no game that has been played at National Park this season was more commandingly interesting than the one of yesterday, which the Nationals were unable to win until the last inning. Twice before victory went their way.

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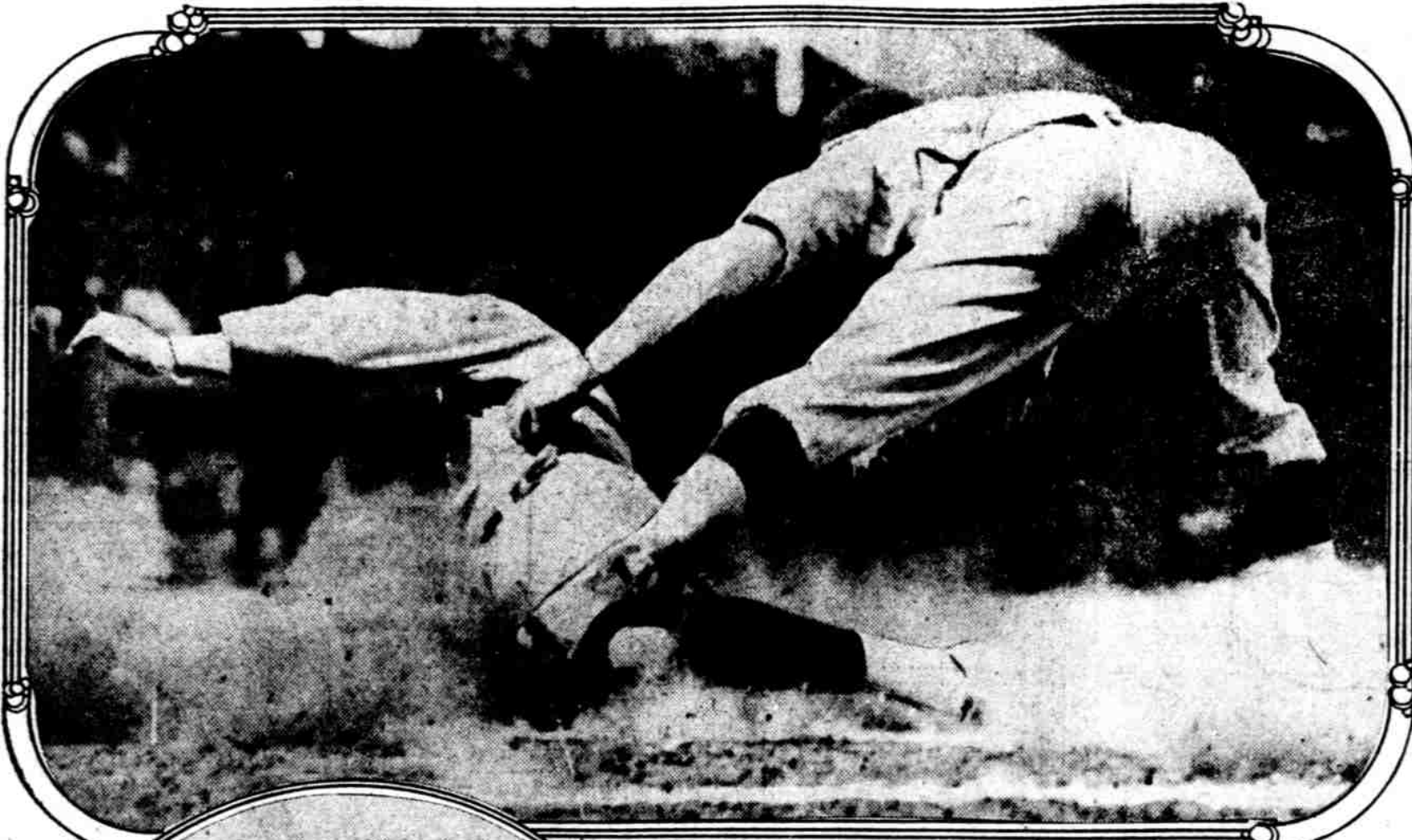
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As Usual, The Times Camera Man Was Right On the Job Yesterday and Here Is What He Shows You. The Upper Picture Shows Joe Boehling Getting Derrill Pratt at the Plate In the First Inning. Pratt Claimed He Was Tagged On the Shoulder, Pointing Out the Place. After Looking at This Picture, What Do You Think? The Lower Picture Shows Pratt Out at Third In the Third Frame On Henry's Strong-arm Hurl to Foster.

The Griffmen had to come from behind, and it required all the baseball they could play to cop without being forced into extra innings. It was far from the best game that Joe Boehling has pitched since the opening, still had he received the batting support he had a right to expect. It would have been Washington practically the whole way.

In both the Chicago and Cleveland series, the Nationals got away with a lot of gauzy batting, or rather lack of batting. Yesterday they faced an enemy that was able to go out and get runs, and it was that that caused concern for those who were pulling hard for the seventh consecutive. In five of the nine innings the stage was set for runs that would have made the belated finish unnecessary. But the

Nationals' turn. Boehling drove Shot-ten far back in center to take a long drive, but Moeller waited and was rewarded by a walk.

When Foster bumped to the pitcher Moeller arrived safely at second. Realizing that if Moeller would score on any sort of a hit and break up the ball game if he were allowed to get a large lead, the St. Louis pitcher tried to give him to the base. The twirler turned suddenly, as Moeller grew particularly rash, and slammed to Wares. Then it was that the runner took the chance that decided the issue. Instead of trying to get back to second he dashed to third. Wares received the throw and made a false move to touch Moeller, thinking he would try to return to the bag. But Moeller was on his way. Wares snapped the ball to third, but the throw was wide of Austin and hardly had Moeller slid into the base before he bounded up and had crossed the plate before the astonished Browns had even reached the ball from the vicinity of the bench. It was daring; it was victory. Yeah, ho!

When you hear these demands for the removal of Danny Moeller from right field you cannot help thinking that they killed a man like Lincoln and real Americans died at Vera Cruz.

The Browns do not expect Bobby Wallace back in the game for nearly a month. He suffered a badly splintered finger by being hit by a ball from Walker's bat in practice, and is now in St. Louis. Wares, his understudy, seems to be quite a fielder, but his batting prowess is not likely to prove particularly impressive.

It might be well for the traction companies to reach some sort of an agreement whereby the only cars to carry signs on the days of ball games are the ones going direct to the park. As matters are now the sign proposition is as misleading and difficult for a visitor to the downtown section of Boston.

"You've got to give it to Washington," mused Branch Rickey, the visiting manager, today. "Any time you face a club that possesses the speed of the Nationals you are up against the proposition of having them pull all sorts of plays that a less fleet team could not go through with. Griff has his crowd well up there just now, but I think Detroit will be the club to cause the real sensation in this league before next fall. Detroit has the punch, and if the Tigers get good pitching they may come through

and earn the wave of the arbiter's arm. Shanks showed the speed of an express going through Monaca, Pa. It was a good thing he did, for hesitation meant defeat. For a clean single followed closely on Walker's futile effort.

In the fourth Morgan and Gandil made a great play in which only two hands entered. Leary lined toward right, which Morgan succeeded in harpooning with one fin, and threw to first. Gandil disarming it up with his gloved hand without the assistance of the other hand. Quite a play.

It is now said that Bill Martin, the Georgetown athlete, will join the Cleveland Naps, and will immediately be sent to Shibe Park. Here's a compliment the Cleveland Press hands out to Martin: "Bill Martin, Georgetown University shortstop, whom Manager Birmingham is trying to land for the Naps, is just the kind of a player the club needs. Martin is a fighting Irishman and the Naps need fighters."

Martin plays end on the Georgetown football team. He has learned to fight under the coaching of Dr. P. E. Larkin, a famous Cornell end, who is a classmate and close friend of Birney's. Larkin is using his influence to get Martin for the Naps.

"The collegian is about Jack Graney's weight, but of sturdier build. He is as good as long fast as a streak, a clever leader, and a smart player. The best of all, he's an old school fighter who doesn't know when he's beat."

In the second inning Foster fouled sharply along the first base line. Gedeon, as is right field vamping up Engel, and he stopped the ball, splitting one of his fingers. Dr. Martin was there with the first aid stuff, and Gedeon is once more ready.

Cleveland has never quite forgotten that blow administered by the Griffmen last fall, still H. T. McDaniels, in the

THE BOX SCORE:
NATIONALS ST. LOUIS
AB H O A E
Moeller, rf. 4 1 2 0 0
Foster, 3b. 4 1 2 0 0
McLean, cf. 4 1 2 0 0
Gandil, 1b. 4 1 2 0 0
Shanks, lf. 4 1 2 0 0
Morgan, 2b. 4 1 2 0 0
McBride, ss. 4 1 2 0 0
Henry, c. 4 1 2 0 0
Wellman, p. 4 1 2 0 0
Totals... 32 12 12 0 0

"Two out when winning run was scored. Nationals... 200 100 100-5
St. Louis... 100 100 100-4
Naps-Moeller (2), Foster, Gandil, Shanks, Spotten, Austin (2), Walker, earned runs, Washington, 2; St. Louis, 2. Left on bases—Washington, 7; St. Louis, 2. First base on balls—off Weller, 4; off Baumgardner, 4; off Boehling, 2. Innings pitched—by Weller, 3-1-3; by Baumgardner, 2-2-2. Hits made—off Weller, 4; off Baumgardner, 4. Struck out—by Weller, 2; by Baumgardner, 2; by Boehling, 2. Three-base hit—Morgan. Two-base hit—Moeller. Stolen bases—Moeller, Foster, Henry, Austin, Pratt, Walker. Double plays—Austin to Pratt to Wares; Shanks to Leary. Wild pitch—Boehling. Unrecorded errors—O'Loughlin and Hildebrand. Time of game—2 hours and 15 minutes.

News, hands out the following appropriation of the fight the present Nationals are making:
"What a defeat was just another example of the way Clark Griffith's men have been putting it over on the Naps by playing up-to-the-second baseball, while Birney's men have been content to founder around with the old army game. The Nationals made only three hits off Mitchell, who worked five innings, and none at all off Bowman, who finished, while the Naps got to Shaw for the safe swats. But the Nationals were on the jump and the Naps were dead on their feet and wild with their hands."
"Griffith has his boys fighting and hustling, and Tuesday they varied their attack more than any team which the

Naps have encountered this season. Cast a glance at what was pulled off by the Washington hustlers: Squares play. Four stolen bases. Hit and run. Triple steal. Sacrifice."

Giants Are Humbled.
ST. LOUIS, May 22.—In the fifth inning, St. Louis had a batting rally, and aided by the Giants' loose fielding, overcame a three-run lead, and took the game by 8 to 4. Score by innings:
R. H. E.
New York... 3 0 0 10-4 2
St. Louis... 0 0 0 21-8 12 3
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